

# Kennedy Space Center Waste Diversion and Recycling Initiative





#### Overview

- Why a solid waste diversion initiative.
- What makes KSC different.
- Phases completed
- Phases underway
- Phases planned
- Lessons learned



#### WHY?

- Driving Requirement: EO 13101.
- Agency Goal: Meet annual 35% waste diversion.
- **Purpose:** Optimize KSC waste disposal capacity and reclaim readily recyclable materials from C&D waste streams.
- **Objective:** Evaluation of current waste disposal practices and determine optimum approach to maximize waste segregation and diversion.
- **KSC Goals:** Protect Environment, Exceed Agency goals, Extend landfill lifespan, Make diversion easy.

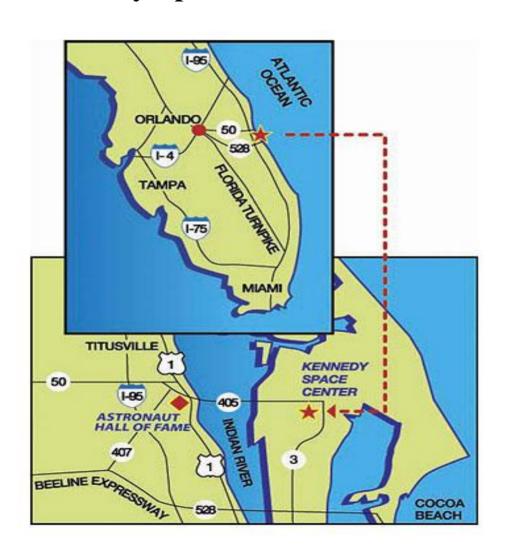


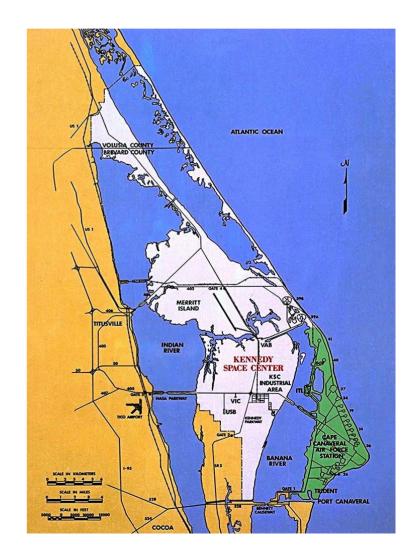
## Solid Waste Disposal for NASA Agency (1998 - 2002)

Center	Average (Tons)	% Agency Waste	35% Diversion Goal (Tons)
KSC	30,214	46	10,575
JSC	18,096	28	6,334
All Other	17,322	26	6,062
Agency	65,632	100	22,971



#### Kennedy Space Center / Merritt Island National Wildlife Refuge







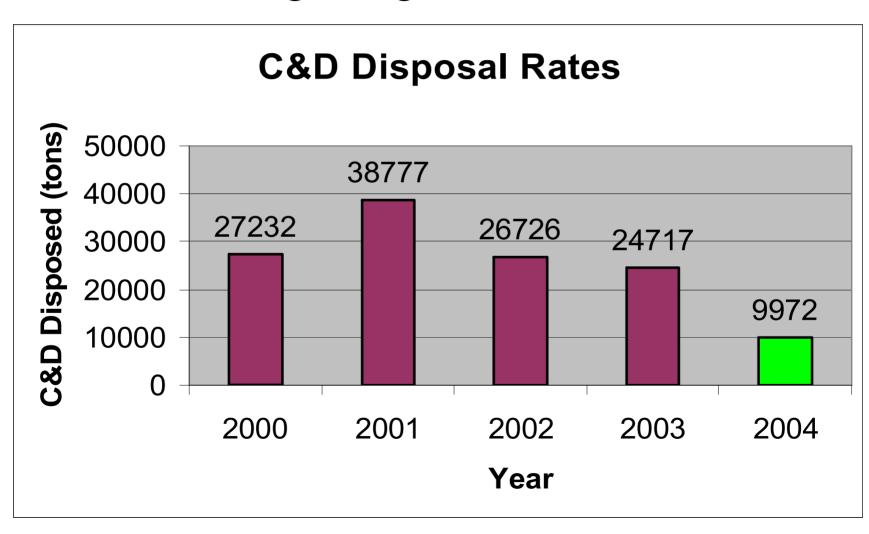
### The Mission





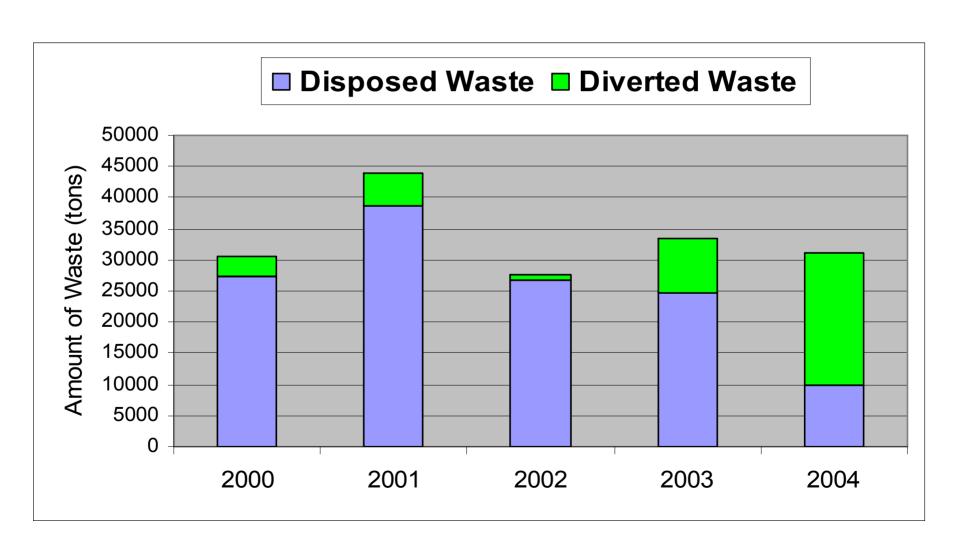


#### Good Beginning – "The Numbers"



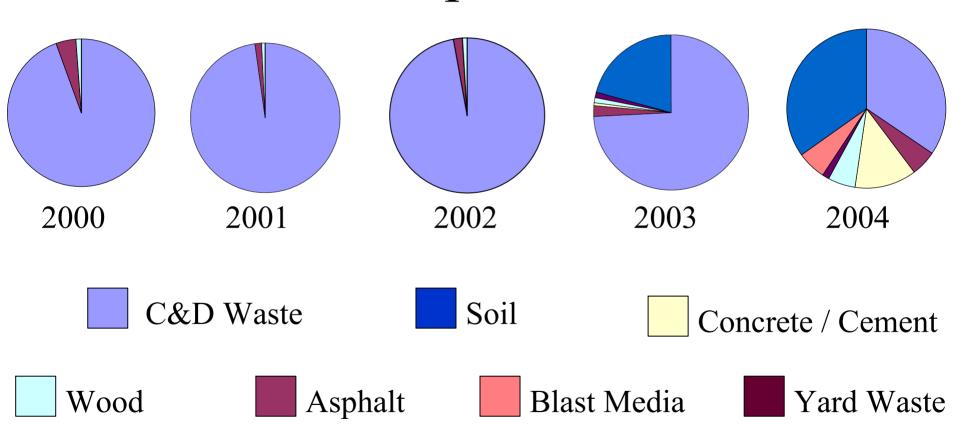


#### "The Numbers"





## Waste Composition (based on weight)





## Phase I – Wood Pilot Project

- Illustrated Possibility of Waste Diversion / Reuse
- Successfully Diverted 150 tons of Wood / Vegetative Wastes





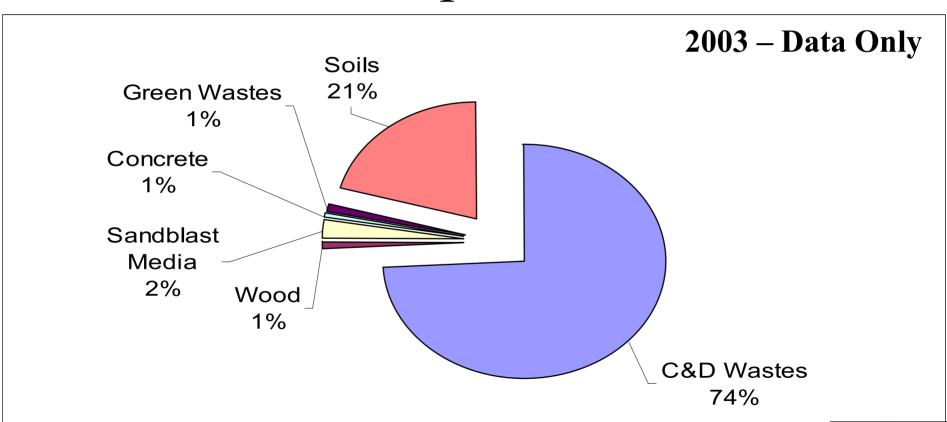
## Phase II - UCF Landfill Study

- Current disposal rates
- Composition
- Opportunities





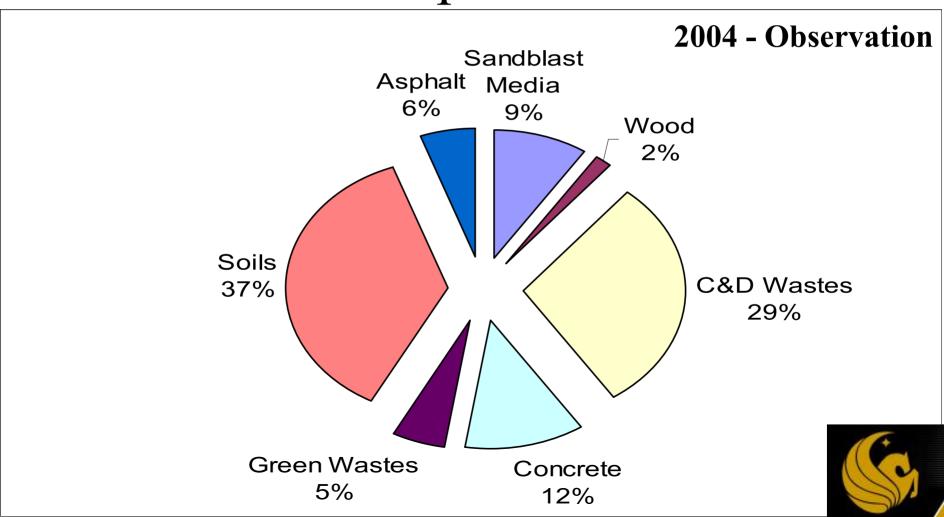
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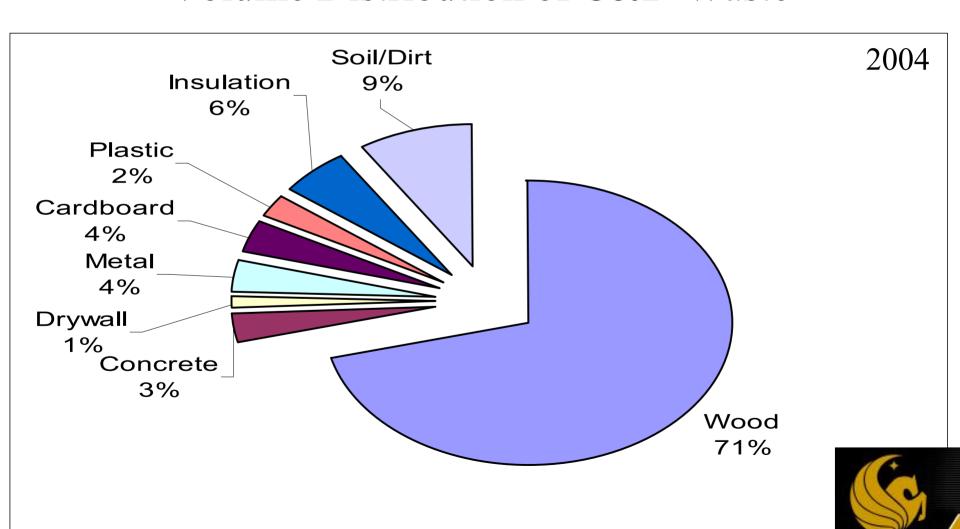


### Waste Composition (based on weight)





#### Volume Distribution of C&D Waste





## Construction and Demolition Debris "Reduce, Reuse, Recycle & Rebuy"

- 1. Determine the Composition of KSC C&D
- 2. Determine Most Optimal Waste to Segregate
- 3. Develop Operating Procedures for Segregation
- 4. Stockpile / Record Diverted Material
- 5. Process Material
- 6. Re-Utilize / Sell



## Waste Diversion and Recycling Initiative Phase III – Process Changes

Require segregation at the source

- Soil
- Blast Media
- Asphalt
- Concrete\*



## Development of KSC Diversion Area Site Requirements

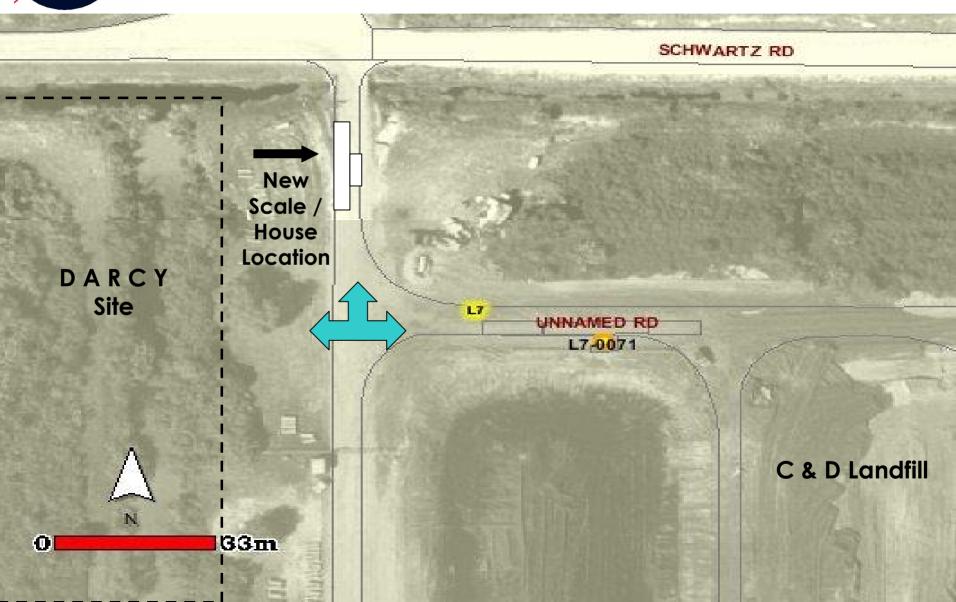
- Sized to handle current diversion
- Located close to Landfill Scale House
- Located close to Working Face of C&D Landfill
- Minimal Interference with Operating C&D Landfill
- Ability to Restrict / Control Access
- Available Immediately
- Minimal Cost to Initiate / Operate (No additional FTE)
- Expandability
- Limited Environmental Impacts



## KSC Landfill / New Diverted Aggregate Reclamation and Collection Yard (DARCY)









#### New Solar Powered Scale / Scale House

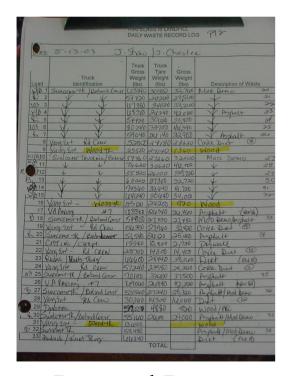




## Scale House Improvements

#### Recording Data

Old Method



Pen and Paper

New Method



**Custom Database** 







## Wrap-Up

- KSC Approaching 70% Diversion rate
- Wood / Vegetative Mulching Continuing
- Development of DARCY site / EA completed
- UCF Study researching uses
- Scale House Upgrades
- Automated Recording
- New Equipment / Solar Power



#### Lesson Learned

- Begin today
- Sell the idea motivate employees
- Small steps
- Record progress
- Keep it simple



### Questions









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